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REFS A. PRAGUE 1075 B. STATE 095472 C. BUDAPEST 1401

1. CZECHOSLOVAK MEDIA CAMPAIGN REGARDING CASE OF GABRIEL CHILDREN, NOW IN CALIFORNIA, CONTINUES UNABATED. PRAGUE TELEVISION LAST WEEK BROADCAST A "DRAMATIZATION" OF AMERICAN COURT PROCEEDINGS IN GABRIEL CASE DESIGNED TO PRESENT U.S. JUDICIAL PROCESS AS A FARCE.

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2. APRIL 30 RUDE PRAVO COMPLAINS THAT GABRIEL CASE HAS RECEIVED LITTLE OR NO COVERAGE IN "BOURGEOIS" PRESS OF U.S. AND WEST BERLIN. BY CONTRAST, SAYS RUDE PRAVO, COMMUNIST MEDIA HAVE COVERED STORY, AND HUNGARIAN ACTRESS MARIA RONYECZ HAS MADE A STATEMENT SUPPORTING MRS. GABRIEL.

3. PRAGUE AP STRINGER DRAPALOVA, A CZECHOSLOVAK, TOLD US THAT

"OPEN LETTER" FROM MRS. GABRIEL TO PRESIDENT CARTER HAS NOT ACTUALLY BEEN SENT TO WHITE HOUSE, BUT THAT CZECHOSLOVAK AUTHORITIES ARE DEPENDING ON "OTHER MEANS"--PRESUMABLY U.S. EMBASSY--TO DELIVER THE MESSAGE.

4. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT, AFTER CAREFUL CHECK WITH WHITE HOUSE TO ASCERTAIN THAT NO LETTER HAS IN FACT BEEN RECEIVED FROM MRS. GABRIEL (IN CZECH: GABRIELOVA-ZLUDKYNOVA), DEPARTMENT RELEASE PRESS STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT. SUCH ACTION APPEARS PARTICULARLY WARRANTED IN VIEW OF ALLEGATION IN RUDE PRAVO ARTICLE APRIL 29 BY MILAN JELINEK THAT "PRESIDENT CARTER CANNOT SAY HE DOES NOT KNOW ABOUT THE (GABRIEL) CASE: HE HAS RECEIVED AN OPEN LETTER."

5. VOA OR RFE MIGHT CONSIDER COUNTERING CZECH MEDIA CAMPAIGN WITH A SIMILAR LINE ON NON-RECEIPT OF THE MESSAGE.

6. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF APPARENT FACT THAT NO LETTER HAS ACTUALLY BEEN SENT TO PRESIDENT CARTER, EMBASSY HOPES ANY USG REACTION TO PRESS CAMPAIGN WILL CONTINUE TO BE LOW-KEY. CZECHOSLOVAKS CANNOT REASONABLY EXPECT REPLY TO LETTER WHICH EXISTS ONLY IN CZECHOSLOVAK MEDIA. OF COURSE IT IS OBVIOUS THAT GOC WISHES NOT SO MUCH TO HELP MRS. GABRIEL--WHO MAY NOT HERSELF HAVE WANTED TO WRITE TO THE PRESIDENT--AS TO ENGAGE IN PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN TO EMBARRASS U.S. ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE.

7. MAY 2 ZEMEDELKE NOVINY POINTS OUT THAT U.S. PRESIDENT CONSTITUTIONALLY CANNOT INTERFERE IN OR ALTER A COURT DECISION, BUT THAT HE COULD PROVIDE AN "IMPULSE" TO RECONSIDERATION OF THE CASE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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